



newsletter

Week ending
29th November 2024

Our Vision Statement **'Learning for Life'**

'Learning for life' with Jesus' promise of 'life in all its fullness' is at the heart of St Mary's. At our school children are seen as unique and will feel loved, safe and empowered to flourish so they reach their full potential both academically and personally.

Dear St Mary's Families,

The start of Advent is nearly here and my assembly this week was about the meaning behind advent and how we will be celebrating it here in school each week.

Our 13ft Christmas tree was delivered yesterday! I was specific with the tree farm about what we wanted and they have picked us the perfect tree, that we will decorate during our tree assembly next week. I have some budding instrumentalists who have volunteered to play in our assembly and the choir will also be singing. I have been very impressed with the number of volunteers I have had to take part in the assembly! Fantastic festive spirit!



Our Christmas post starts on Monday 2nd December! There will be a post bag for each class in the gazebo on the field, at the start of each day. If you have Christmas cards for children or staff, please post them in these bags. Please ensure each envelope has **FIRST NAME, SURNAME** and **CLASS** to avoid any confusion! Year 2 are our postal elves delivering the cards to the classes.

The Christmas Fair is on Saturday 7th December and we still need volunteers! If you are able to offer any help, please follow this link. We need your help!

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofstmarys/index.cfm?event=volunteers>

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

From Mrs Chambers

HSLW

In this week's [HSLW weekly bulletin](#), you will find information on the following:

- Family Lives
- National Autistic Society
- School readiness: Early toileting workshop

There is also a fun family activity to try at home and a recipe idea.

Able Writing Day

On Monday, a group of year 3&4 children attended an Able Writing day at Westfield School. We had the pleasure of listening to the poet, Coral Rumble and learnt lots about what makes a good poem! The children were given to opportunity to create their own poems and share them with the group. This poem from Harrison in Year 3 won everyone over:

Satsumas

Oh how I love to consume a satsuma,
I would wrestle a tiger, lion or puma,
For one small bite of a juicy satsuma.

Oh how I love to consume a satsuma,
I would travel to New York, LA or Cuba,
For one small bite of a juicy satsuma.

Oh how I wish to consume a satsuma,
You do know I mean it's true, not a rumour.

Oh how I love to consume a satsuma,
Because it's easier to rhyme than orange.

Mrs Cutts

Our Diverse Work Biomes Workshop

Today Year 3 enjoyed the Our Diverse World Biomes Workshop where we kick started our Geography topic of 'Which Biome would you most like to visit and why?' The children went on 'expeditions' to learn about the different continents of the world including their climate, what you would need to survive and what can be found there. At the end of the workshop they created documentaries to present to the rest of the class.

Mrs O'Connor



Penalty Notices for Unauthorised Leave of Absence

Just to remind parents/carers that if they take their children out of school without authority for 5 or more days (which do not have to be consecutive), then the following will apply:

1. If you have not incurred a penalty notice relating to this child/children in a rolling 3 year period since 19 August 2024, then the penalty notice will be charged at the rate of £160.00, **per parent/carer per child**, if paid within 28 days. This will be reduced to £80.00 if paid within 21 days of receipt of the notice. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in Surrey County Council considering legal proceedings against you in the Magistrates Court.
2. If you have incurred a penalty notice relating to this child/children since 19 August 2024, the rolling 3 year period will be activated from the date of the first penalty notice and the second penalty notice will be charged at the flat rate of £160.00, **per parent/carer per child**, if paid within 28 days. There will be no reduction for payment within 21 days. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in Surrey County Council considering legal proceedings against you in the Magistrates Court.
3. If you have incurred 2 penalty notices relating to this child/children in the rolling 3 year period since the first penalty notice was issued, then you will NOT receive a third penalty notice – Surrey County Council will have no option but to consider a prosecution, **per parent/carer per child**, in the Magistrates Court under s 444 Education Act 1996.

Surrey County Council is not responsible for authorising pupil absence and therefore cannot withdraw any Penalty Notice requests without the written permission of the Headteacher.



**Our Black Friday sale
is now on!**

Take advantage of our **biggest discount ever** this Black Friday! We are offering **15% off all ADHD and autism assessments**, for both adults and children.

Simply head to our website and use the code **'BLKFRI24'** at checkout. Offer valid from **22nd November 2024 to 2nd December 2024!**

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Star of the Week



Moles

Nicky “always being kind to everyone in Moles Class.”

Marley “fantastic singing of our Christmas songs”

Hedgehogs

Nathan “for your increasing confidence in lessons and for putting so much effort into our Nativity rehearsals!”

Rabbits

Dylan “for amazing re-telling of our story this week during English time.”

Cheetahs

Olivia “for remembering all of the dance moves in our Nativity rehearsals.”

Panthers

Sam “for singing the Nativity songs so confidently.”

Lions

Parker “for showing increased confidence in nativity rehearsals!”

Tigers

Lyra “for showing courage and resilience when things have been tough this week!”

Polar Bears

Laila “for her thoughtful answers during our RE lesson this week.”

Pandas

Lara “for her amazing dedication in Maths and practicing her times tables.”

Hippos

Olena “for always demonstrating a positive attitude towards your learning.”

Elephants

Bryony “for a creative diary entry of the digestive system”

Kangaroos

Xavier “for always putting so much effort into everything he does.”

Giraffes

Ayala “for being a super St Mary’s Learner and always being a good friend”

Lemurs

Damon “for excellent ideas and knowledge when writing your setting description!
Well done for being a wonderful member of the class!”

Chimps

Ollie “for excellent effort with his writing and a fantastic setting description!”

Times Table Rock Stars

Year 3 & 4:

Henry – Pandas

Daniel - Pandas

Erin - Elephants

Year 5 & 6:

Brayden - Lemurs

Jemima - Chimps

Mimi - Giraffes

Dates for your Diary

(New dates/events shown in bold)

04.12.2024	Hippos Class Assembly – 9am
04.12.2024	Nursery ONLY PTA Mufti Day – for fair Sweets/Bottles
04.12.2024	Nursery Nativity – 9.30am (New time)
04.12.2024	Christmas Jumper Sale 3.10 – 3.30pm
05.12.2024	PTA Mufti Day – for fair Sweets/Bottles
05.12.2024	St Marys Church Visit – Yr 3
06.12.2024	Reception Nativity – 9.30am
07.12.2024	PTA - Christmas Fair
09.12.2024	KS1 Nativity - 2pm
10.12.2024	KS1 Nativity - 9.15am
10.12.2024	KS2 Carol Service – St Mary's Church @ 6.30pm
11.12.2024	Polar Bears Class Assembly – 9am
11.12.2024	Christmas Jumper Day
11.12.2024	Christmas Lunch
12.12.2024	The Space Between – Production Yr 3-5 (for invited pupils)
12.12.2024	Open Classrooms 3.10 – 3.40pm
19.12.2024	Christmas Service – Yr 5
20.12.2024	End of term – 1.05pm finish
06.01.2025	Start of Spring Term
08.01.2025	Great Fire of London Workshop – Yr 2
15.01.2025	Chimps Class Assembly – 9am
21.01.2025	Little City – Yr N & Yr R
21.01.2025	Young Voices Concert O2 – School Choir
23.01.2025	Little City – Yr N & Yr R
29.01.2025	Cheetahs Class Assembly – 9am
29.01.2025	Chertsey Museum workshop – Yr 3
30.01.2025	Full Governing Body Meeting - 5pm
31.01.2025	Open Classrooms 3.10 – 3.40pm
04.02.2025	Parents Evening
05.02.2025	Panthers Class Assembly – 9am
06.02.2025	Parents Evening
w/c 17.02.2025	Half Term
26.02.2025	Open Classrooms 3.10 – 3.40pm
w/c 03.03.2025	Book Fair
03.03.2025	Viking Workshop – Yr 5
05.03.2025	Rabbits Class Assembly
06.03.2025	World Book Day
w/c 10.03.2025	STEM Week
13.03.2025	Full Governing Body Meeting - 5pm
14.03.2025	Comic Relief
w/c 17.03.2025	Yr 6 Mock SATS Week
18.03.2025	Painshill Trip – Yr 4
20.03.2025	Hobbledown Trip – Yr 1
24.03.2025	Feet First Yr 3
25.03.2025	Year 4 Parents Residential Meeting – 8.45am (in hall)
26.03.2025	Tigers Class Assembly – 9am
26.03.2025	Open Classrooms 3.10 – 3.40pm
01.04.2025	Yr 4 Easter Service
02.04.2025	Class Photographs
03.04.2025	Wisley Gardens – Yr 2
04.04.2025	End of Term - 1.05pm
22.04.2025	Start of Summer Term

29.04.2025	Open Classrooms 3.10 – 3.40pm
30.04-02.05.25	Kingswood Residential – Yr 4
01.05.2025	Bocketts Farm – Yr R
02.05.2025	Brooklands Museum Trip – Yr 3 (date changed from 29/04)
07.05.2025	Kangaroos Class Assembly – 9am
09.05.2025	Full Governing Body Meeting - 5pm
W/c 12.05.2025	KS2 SATS Week / SATS Breakfast
14-16.05.2025	Bikeability – Yr 4
16.05.2025	Park Trip – Yr 6
21.05.2025	Nursery ONLY Egyptian Day
23.05.2025	Ancient Egyptian Day
w/c 26.05.2025	Half Term
04.06.2025	Lemurs Class Assembly – 9am
17.06.2025	Shah Jahan Mosque Trip – Yr 1
17.06.2025	Leavers Service at Guildford Cathedral – Yr 6
18.06.2025	Lions Class Assembly – 9am
25.06.2025	Nursery Sports Day
26.06.2025	Open Classrooms 3.10 – 3.40pm
27.06.2025	Sports Day
02.07.2025	RESERVE Nursery Sports Day
03.07.2025	Full Governing Body Meeting - 5pm
04.07.2025	RESERVE Sports Day
09.07.2025	Hedgehogs Class Assembly – 9am
09 & 10.07.2025	Year 6 Productions to Parents – 6pm
16.07.2025	Year 6 Leavers Day/BBQ (not 17 th)
18.07.2025	Year 6 Leavers Service
18.07.2025	End of term – 1.05pm



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